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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action of August 11, 2008 (the one-month period for response which was September 11, 2008) in connection with the above-captioned application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a two month extension of time to file this response and provide payment of the required fee in the accompanying transmittal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.